

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please DELETE the heading on page 1, at line 1.

Please insert the following section heading on page 1 at line 4:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the section heading on page 1, at line 5, with the following section heading:

~~TECHNICAL FIELD~~ -- Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 7, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to the field of fiber-optic technology. ~~It concerns and, more specifically, to an optical plug-in connection according to the precharacterizing clause of claim 1.~~ --

Please DELETE the paragraph on page 1, at lines 12-14, in its entirety.

Please replace the section heading on page 1, at line 16, with the following section heading:

~~PRIOR ART~~ -- Description of the Related Art --

Please replace the section heading on page 5, at line 23 with the following replacement section heading:

-- ~~BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE FIGURES~~ DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please replace the section heading on page 7, at line 4 with the following replacement section heading:

-- ~~WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING THE INVENTION~~ -- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Please DELETE on page 13, lines 11 through 38, and on page 14, lines 1 through 9, in their entirety, entitled LIST OF DESIGNATIONS.